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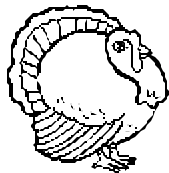
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady at best on frozen 8-16 lb hens and 16-24 lb toms. Negotiations were ongoing on larger packages for deferred shipment. Offers were adequate however, buyers were reluctant to commit. Light trading centered in the Midwest for prompt shipment at steady prices. Activity on bulk meat and bulk parts was light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry from Mexico was light due to the approaching holiday period. Interest from Asia was spotty, some countries from the Former Soviet Union were not in the market.

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	59	59.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-56	56	56.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 MARCH 2002.

Trading and demand very slow. All participants watching for further developments from the ban of all poultry to Russia. Inquiry remains less than sufficient to cover more than adequate offerings. Domestic trading spot loads for immediate shipment, and also very limited trading to Mexico for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	28.00	15
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	27.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	26.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.47	19
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	27.00	25
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.00	22
NECKS, TOM	18.00-21.00		18.80	59
NECKS, HEN		W	20.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	130.00		130.00	20
THIGH MEAT	60.00		60.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	290
BREAST TRIM MEAT	104.00		104.00	22
SCAPULA MEAT	97.00		97.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	25
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	77.00	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	11.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	12.16	95
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	26.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	27.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	28.50	104
TAILS		M	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	12.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	62
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 MARCH 2002.

Trading very slow. Demand inactive as buyers showing little interest to purchase as most watching for any changes to the ban on poultry to Russia. Supplies more than adequate with most sellers willing to take discounts. Most sales reported for fill-in basis only. Limited export trading to Mexico and Asia.

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WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	24.47	19
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	34.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	20
NECKS, TOM		T	18.80	59
NECKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	124.00		124.00	20
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	290
BREAST TRIM MEAT	102.00		102.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		T	97.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	125.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	130.00	25
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	77.00	25
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00		12.00	80

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/20/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2001-2002	6,030	327,090	327,930
2000-2001	18,794	315,945	316,195